

Tank Programs

Mission Statement

The mission of the Tank Programs Division is to protect public health and the environment by preventing regulated substance releases and reducing the risk associated with contaminated sites.

Our core responsibilities include:

- Assuring the proper operation and maintenance of underground storage tank (UST) systems.
- Overseeing the cleanup of soil and groundwater contamination from leaking underground storage tanks.
- Providing outreach and compliance assistance to keep customers informed and aware of compliance requirements.
- Investigating complaints and violations of Arizona's underground storage tanks laws.
- Administering payments from the State Assurance Fund (SAF), for reimbursement of eligible costs associated with removal and remediation of leaking USTs.

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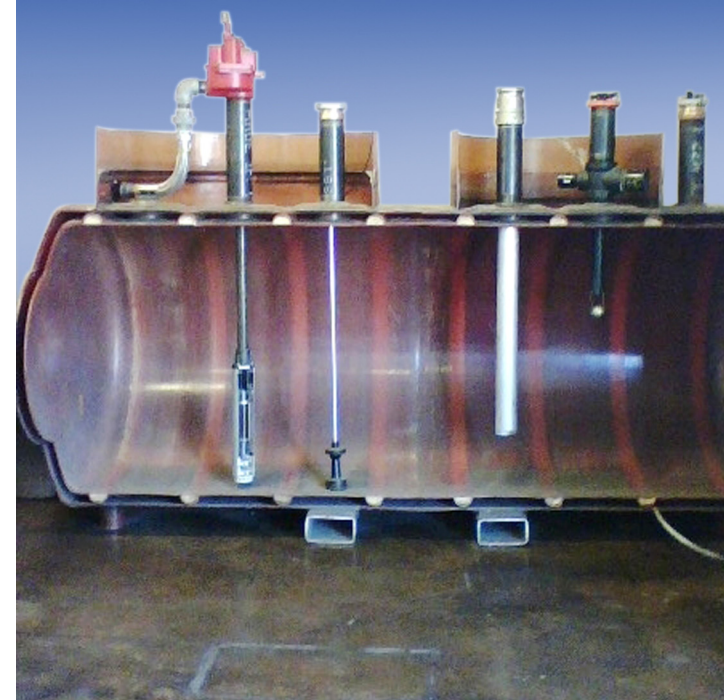
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Underground Storage Tank (UST) Leak Prevention

The UST program provides support and assistance to owners and operators for release prevention and early detection through inspections, compliance and outreach.

Ensure Compliance and Prevention



Prevention and timely detection of underground storage tank leaks are critical to protecting human health and the environment. The UST Inspections and Compliance Unit oversees UST owner and operator

efforts to meet state and federal requirements related to UST installation, operation and closure. The unit also regulates the legal requirement that owners and operators have a financial assurance mechanism to help cover the cost of investigating and cleaning up a release and possible third party liability.

Community Involvement and Outreach

The UST Outreach program is a primary point of contact for UST owners and operators as well as citizens with questions and concerns about under-



ground storage tanks. The outreach program produces and distributes a variety of information on UST policies and activities. Our Web site contains the most current information to keep the UST community informed about the Tank Programs Division and USTs.

State Assurance Fund (SAF)

UST releases that were reported before July 1, 2006 may qualify for the State Assurance Fund (SAF). The SAF assists eligible underground storage tank owners, operators and others in meeting the potentially high costs of leaking UST investigations and cleanups. The SAF provides administrative, technical and cost reviews of applications and reimburses up to 90% of eligible costs to eligible applicants.



Underground Storage Tank (UST) Corrective Actions

The Tank Programs Division investigates leaks from USTs and has programs that oversee the cleanup to safeguard public health and the environment.

Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) Program

The Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) program investigates and coordinates efforts to clean up leaking USTs once a release has occurred. These efforts may include overseeing cleanups performed by the UST owner, operator or a volunteer who is willing to assume responsibility. ADEQ also may perform corrective actions itself using consultants who are on state contract.

Route 66 Initiative

The goal of the Route 66 initiative is to remove abandoned (orphan) underground storage tanks (USTs), identify and clean up releases along the 380 mile Arizona stretch of U.S. Route 66. Cities and towns along Route 66 are part of the initiative.



State Lead

The State Lead program conducts corrective actions that the agency determines are necessary to protect human health and the environment at sites where the owner is either unknown (orphaned sites), unwilling, or technically or financially unable to perform the necessary work. Sites in this program are prioritized for work according to the risk to human health and the environment.

Municipal Tank Closure Program (MTCP)

The MTCP program was established by statute to assist residents, businesses and government entities with the removal of orphaned USTs and cleanup of associated contamination. The program is managed by ADEQ. It is available to assist communities of fewer than 15,000 people and unincorporated areas of Arizona's counties. Tanks can be removed and contamination cleaned up at no cost to the property owner or the community. To participate in the program you must apply through the county, city or town. Funding is available to reimburse counties, cities and towns for application costs.

To be eligible for this program, the UST must:

- Be in unincorporated areas of the county, or
- Be in incorporated communities of fewer than 15,000 people
- Be "abandoned" or "orphaned"
- A county, city or town must apply.